FISCAL NOTE SB 3112 - HB 3250

March 26, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires students attending state-supported postsecondary institutions to take a course on hate crimes, sexual harassment, sexual battery, and date rape; requires state-supported postsecondary institutions to renew financial aid for an additional year to athletic scholarship recipients who become academically ineligible to participate in a particular sport.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$10,000,000

Assumptions:

- There were 23,919 entering freshmen in FY04-05 for TBR institutions and 6,856 for the UT system.
- The estimate assumes adding a three-hour course on hate crimes, sexual harassment, sexual battery, and date rape.
- Average class size would be 25 students per class section.
- Based on the number of entering freshmen, this would require 956 additional class sections which equates to approximately 120 additional faculty for TBR; 274 additional class sections or approximately 34 additional faculty for UT.
- The 2004-05 average faculty salary was approximately \$73,000 including benefits.
- Total cost for TBR = $$73,000 \times 120$ faculty members = \$8,760,000.
- Total cost for UT = $$73,000 \times 34$ faculty members = \$2,482,000.
- If the course could be taught as a one to two day orientation course, the increase in state expenditures could be reduced significantly.
- No additional cost is anticipated to renew financial aid to athletic scholarship recipients who become academically ineligible to participate in sports unless financial aid awards are required for students who are no longer academically eligible to attend the institution.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director